

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present application are shown below in clean form whether or not an amendment has been made. Please refer to the attached sheet showing a marked-up version of the amendments to the claims.

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2. **(Twice Amended)** A multi-directional laminate flooring panel for use in constructing a floor, said panel comprising:

a top surface, a bottom surface, a middle substrate, said middle substrate having identical grooves formed therein, and edges extending between the top and bottom surfaces, said edges including identical profiles having angled portions, wherein the thickness of the panel ranges from about .240 inches to about .320 inches.

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9. **(Twice Amended)** A multi-directional laminate flooring panel for use in constructing a floor, said panel comprising:

a top surface, a bottom surface and edges extending between the top and bottom surfaces, and a middle substrate located between the top and bottom surfaces, said substrate having identical grooves formed therein, said edges comprising identical profiles having portions angled relative said surfaces, wherein the middle substrate of the panel comprises a material selected from the group of materials consisting of medium density fiberboard, high density fiberboard, wood/plastic compositions, woods, ceramics, unfilled plastics, filled plastics, closed-cell rigid foams, and combinations thereof.

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11. **(Amended)** A panel as claimed in claim 26, wherein the thickness of said panel ranges from about .240 inches to about .320 inches.

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12. **(Amended)** A panel as claimed in claim 26, wherein each groove is identical.

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13. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 26, wherein each profile extends substantially the entire length of the side

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14. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 26, wherein each groove extends to and intersects with a groove of another side or end.

15. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 26, further comprising channels in the bottom surface of said panel that correspond to the sides of said panel.

16. (Amended) The panel of claim 15, wherein one channel in the bottom surface of said panel extends substantially the entire length of the corresponding side.

17. (Amended) The panel of claim 15, wherein one channel in the bottom surface of the panel extends to and intersects with another channel.

18. (Amended) The panel of claim 26, wherein the panel has a geometry selected from the group of geometries consisting of a square, rectangle, triangle, pentagon, hexagon and octagon.

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21. (Amended) A panel as claimed in claim 26, wherein the middle substrate comprises a material selected from the group of materials consisting of medium density fiberboard, high density fiberboard, wood/plastic compositions, woods, ceramics, unfilled plastics, filled plastics, closed-cell rigid foams, and combinations thereof.

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